

Assembly Bill No. 2426

CHAPTER 711

An act to add and repeal Section 35401.7 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2426, Strom-Martin. Combination vehicles: access limits: exception.

Existing law authorizes the establishment of limited highway access to terminals or services by the Department of Transportation and cities and counties.

This bill would exempt from established limitations of access, licensed carriers of livestock when engaged in certain activities under specified conditions and on specified portions of State Highway Route 101 that are necessary and incidental to the shipment of livestock. This exemption would be repealed on January 1, 2001.

The bill would require the Department of the California Highway Patrol, in consultation with the Department of Transportation, to report to the Legislature on or before July 1, 2000, concerning the findings of a study regarding the effect of the described exemption on public safety.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 35401.7 is added to the Vehicle Code, to read:

35401.7. (a) The limitations of access specified in subdivision (d) of Section 35401.5 do not apply to licensed carriers of livestock when those carriers are directly en route to or from a point of loading or unloading of livestock on the following portions of State Highway Route 101, if travel on those portions is necessary and incidental to the shipment of the livestock:

(1) State Highway Route 101 in Mendocino and Humboldt Counties from its junction with State Highway Route 1 near Leggett north to Benbow.

(2) State Highway Route 101 in Humboldt County from its junction with Louisiana Pacific Road near Trinidad north to Orick.

(b) The exemption allowed under this section does not apply unless all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The length of the truck tractor, in combination with the semitrailer used to transport the livestock, does not exceed a total of 70 feet.

(2) The distance from the kingpin to the rearmost axle of the semitrailer does not exceed 40 feet.

(3) The motor carrier obtains a permit from the Department of Transportation authorizing the transport of the livestock and indicating the approved route of travel and any other related conditions.

(c) The Department of the California Highway Patrol, in consultation with the Department of Transportation, shall conduct a study of the effect that the exemption provided under this section has on public safety. The findings of the study shall be reported to the Legislature on or before July 1, 2000.

(d) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2001, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, which is enacted on or before January 1, 2001, deletes or extends that date.

